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WORLD CHAMPION DETROIT SHOCK HONORED AT THE STATE CAPITOL

LANSING- State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) held a special presentation in the Michigan Senate chamber on Tuesday to honor the WNBA world champion Detroit Shock. Shock Coach Bill Laimbeer and star forward Swin Cash thanked Senator Scott and the Michigan Senate after the team was presented with a special Senate citation in recognition of their remarkable season.

“The Detroit Shock has completed what can only be described as a storybook season,” said Sen. Scott during her introduction of the Shock. “The Detroit Shock was the first major professional sports team since the 1890 Louisville Colonels to go from worst to first in back-to-back seasons.”

The Detroit Shock became the 2003 WNBA World Champions after knocking off the Cleveland Rockers 2-1 (Round One), Connecticut Sun 2-0 (Eastern Conference Finals) and the defending WNBA Champion Los Angeles Sparks 2-1 (WNBA Finals). The Shock also had a franchise-high three All-Stars selected for the 2003 WNBA All-Star Game in New York (forwards Swin Cash and Cheryl Ford and guard Deanna Nolan).

Senator Scott also announced that the Detroit Shock will be back in Lansing next spring to help kick off the new WNBA season with a celebration with Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Editor's Note: Photos from the special Senate presentation with the Detroit Shock held on Tuesday, October 28 can be found attached on the electronic version of this press release or at Senator Scott's website.